

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 8-12, 17, 18, 20-22 and 25-28 remain pending in the application. Claims 1, 10, 12, and 22 have been amended. Applicant believes that the current amendments raise no new issues of patentability.

Claim Objections:

Claims 1, 3, 6, 9-12, 17, 22, 25, and 27 were objected to. In the Office Action, the Examiner cites 37 CFR 1.75 and MPEP 608.01(m), and notes that the claims must commence on a separate sheet or electronic page (37 CFR 1.52(b)(3)), and where a claim sets forth a plurality of elements or steps, each element or step of the claim should be separated by a line indentation.

Applicant notes that the claims commence on a separate sheet of paper in both the present and previous office action responses as well as the application as originally filed. In the present office action response, Applicant has added indentations where it is believed necessary for compliance with the rules mentioned above.

Applicant believes claims 10 and 12, as currently amended (reciting a memory built-in self-test domain), comply with all formal requirements and are supported by the specification (e.g., page 12, lines 20-33). With regard to claim 22, Applicant has amended this claim as suggest in the office action, and thus believes the objection to be overcome.

35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejection:

Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 8-12, 17, 18, 20-22 and 25-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. In particular, the Examiner indicated he was unable to find the limitation “step to a new scan chain” within the disclosure. Applicant notes that this limitation was included in originally filed claim 24. Applicant has amended the specification to include a corresponding description on page 7, line 22. Applicant submits that the meaning of the

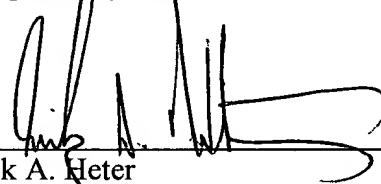
amended paragraph would be clear to one with ordinary skill in the art. Thus, Applicant submits that the claims are in compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, and thus respectfully requests removal of the rejection.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5681-55400/BNK.

Respectfully submitted,

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